

**DIALYSIS SPECIALTY
COURSE PREREQUISITES
MASTER CRS 300-M3**

EFFECTIVE: 17 JUN 03

LAST UPDTD 16 JUN 03

Itemized Prerequisites

PULHES: 111121

Must meet height weight std IAW AR 600-9 : REQUIRED

Physical Demand Rating: MODERATELY HEAVY - LIFT OCCASIONAL 80 LB, FREQUENT 40 L

Pay Grade: E4 - ENLISTED TO E5 - ENLISTED

Career Management Field: 91 - MEDICAL

Enlisted MOS CMF: 91W 91 - HEALTH CARE SP

Prerequisites: This course is available to Active Army and Army Reserve soldiers Sergeant and below whose primary MOS is 91WM6. Applicants must have a minimum of 12 months experience as a M6, 18 months if they entered the service under the Army Civilian Acquired Skills Program. This course is also available to DoD Civilians. The minimum time in service remaining requirement upon completion of this course is 17 months for Active Army and 24 months for Army Reserve soldiers. Prior to departure from home station, soldiers are required to re-enlist or extend their term of enlistment in order to meet the time in service remaining requirement. Soldiers reporting to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center not meeting this requirement will not be enrolled for training. Enlisted women who are pregnant must be processed IAW AR 635-200. Applicants must not have any history of chronic or reoccurring skin disorders subject to infection or a history of allergic reaction to cleaning agents, antiseptics, or disinfectants. A statement signed by the applicant and a physician attesting to the fact that the applicant has no aversion to the sight of blood is required along with current blood test results verified by a physician for HBsAg, HBsAb, HBcAb, SGOT, and HIV, showing that all values are within normal limits. A letter of recommendation from an Army Nurse Corps officer and a senior Practical Nurse NCO evaluating the soldiers potential and ability to perform under stress must be included with the packet. Successful completion of one or more years of high school chemistry with a at least a "C" average is required.

SPECIAL INFORMATION: Active Army soldiers must request training by submitting a DA Form 4187 to PERSCOM. A copy of their ERB, school transcripts, and letters of recommendation should be included in their packet. ALL REQUEST FOR WAIVERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO: CDR, AMEDD C&S, AMEDD Personnel Proponent Directorate, ATTN: MCCSDE, 1400 E. Grayson Street, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234-5052.

COURSE SCOPE

This course provides selected AMEDD enlisted personnel with the knowledge and skills required to perform safe and effective hemodialysis treatments with additional emphasis on other renal replacement therapies including: peritoneal dialysis; continuous renal replacement therapies; renal transplant; and plasma exchange/apheresis. The first six weeks are didactic and include: a review of fluid and electrolytes; acid-base balance; anatomy and physiology of the kidney, cardiovascular system and respiratory system. Hemodialysis didactic content includes: establishment of vascular access; initiation, monitoring and termination of the dialysis procedure; identification, interpretation and correction of patient/technical complications; and maintenance of dialysis supplies and equipment. The course has 480 hours of clinical practicum with emphasis on dialysis in the combat theater.